THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programmes being implemented by Government during the current Five Year Plan for reducing the impact of natural disasters include:

(1) improvement of warning and forecasting systems.

(2) Drought Prone Area Programme,

(3) Desert Development Programme.

(4) Flood Management Schemes involving construction, raising and strengthening of embankments, improving drainage channels, antierosion and town protection works.

(5) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.

(6) National Watershed Development Project for rainfed areas.

(7) Integrated Watershed Management in the catchments of flood prone rivers.

(8) Establishing Building Centres for technology transfer for construction of disaster resistant houses/buildings/relief shelters.

टालीगंज, पश्चिमी बंगाल में जट प्रौद्योगिकीय अनुसंधान प्रयोगशालायें

540. श्री मोहम्मद सलीम :
श्री सुकोमल सेन :
श्री राम नारायण गोस्वामी :
श्री सुनील बसुराय :
श्री मोहम्मद अमीन ।

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार टालीगंज, पश्चिमी बंगाल में जूट प्रौद्योगिकीय अनुसंधान प्रयोगशालाओं के कार्यकरण से संतुष्ट है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और सरकार इस एकक को फिर से चलाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार को सम्बद्ध क्षेत्र से इस सम्बन्ध में कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

Palm oil production in the country

541. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have drawn a massive plant to increase the palm-oil production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the plan is being implemented and if so, the names of the states where it is being implemented;

(d) what is the year-wise production expected for the coming years; and

(e) the specific production plan during 8th Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUUL-TURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An area of 7.96 lakh ha. has been identified in 11 States as suitable for oil palm cultivation. It is proposed to bring 80,000 ha. under oil palm cultivation during Eighth Plan.